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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 1 June Intelligence Board Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 1 June Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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Minutes of
Four-hundred-seventy-eighth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 1 June 1967

Director of Central Intelligence
Richard Helms
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Vice Admiral Rufus Taylor
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Admiral Rufus Taylor,* Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Dr. Edward W. Proctor, * acting for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George C. Denney, Jr., Acting Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence
Agency
Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Director, National Security
Agency
Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to USIB
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to USIB

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1. Announcement of the Approval
of the DCID on COMIREX and
the Designation of its Chairman

Admiral Taylor opened the meeting by noting that the Chairman would be delayed for a few minutes and that he would like to make an announcement on this subject for Mr. Helms.

The Acting Chairman said that he understood that all Board members had now approved by telephonic concurrence the proposed actions which would approve a DCID establishing a USIB "Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation" and transfer the functions of COMOR relating to SIGINT overhead reconnaissance over denied areas to the SIGINT Committee.

Admiral Taylor, therefore, announced final approval by the Director of Central Intelligence of these actions as of 1 June, so that their effective date will be 30 days hence, during which time the Chairmen of the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX have been directed to arrange for a smooth transition of the functions previously assigned to COMOR. *

Admiral Taylor also stated that Mr. Helms proposed, in the absence of objections by USIB members, to designate the present Chairman of COMOR, [REDACTED] as the Chairman of the new COMIREX. Admiral Taylor concluded by noting that [REDACTED] would, of course, continue as Chairman of the SIGINT Committee. **

2. Approval of Minutes
25 May Meeting
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Approved as circulated.

*The approved actions, including the new DCID No. 1/13 which supersedes DCID No. 2/7 of 23 April 1965, are being circulated by USIB-D-5.1/8.

**The designation of [REDACTED] as Chairman of COMIREX is being disseminated in USIB-D-46.1/1.

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3. Watch Report No. 875

Approved as circulated.

4. Soviet Military Research
and Development
(NIE 11-67)

Following a brief discussion the Board approved the subject estimate as amended.

5. Soviet Intentions and Strategy
in the Mediterranean Basin
(SNIE 11-6-67)

Mr. Kent opened the discussion by noting that this estimate was requested several months ago by CINCEUR via the JCS and General Carroll. He commented that it was a general type of area estimate, prepared largely in advance of the current Middle Eastern crisis, and was not intended as a direct treatment of the current situation. Mr. Helms questioned whether the estimate should be distributed at this time since the title and date of the paper suggested a treatment different from what was intended and which might suggest that the intelligence community was ignoring the current problem.

General Carroll indicated his general agreement with Mr. Helms' comments, noting particularly that paragraph 50 was out of context with the current situation. With regard to the particular problem raised concerning paragraph 50, the Board discussed and agreed to changes therein and the addition of a new paragraph 50. a., as proposed by Mr. [REDACTED]

The Acting State Member then suggested that the subject paper be issued with an explanatory note and followed next week by a SNIE on Soviet intentions in the current Middle Eastern crisis. The discussion which followed on State's proposal for a new SNIE centered on whether an estimate could be useful and current in a fast breaking situation such as this in view of the constant attention being given this problem by the Watch Committee and the daily current intelligence publications. Mr. Helms suggested, and the Acting State Member agreed, that [REDACTED] should circulate to the USIB principals his proposed terms of reference before a decision is made as to whether a SNIE should be prepared.

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The Chairman also requested that BNE prepare a memorandum to be attached to each copy of the subject estimate placing it in proper context in light of the Board's discussions.

Following further discussion the Board:


a. Approved NIE 11-6-67 as amended subject to the preparation by BNE of a cover memorandum to be attached to each copy of the estimate placing it in proper context in light of the Board's discussion.

b. Noted that a decision on whether or not a SNIE should be prepared on the Middle East crisis will be made after the Acting State Member circulated proposed Terms of Reference for such a SNIE to BNE and the USIB Principals.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

Adjournment: 1125

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

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1. USIB-D-41.17/69 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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restricted channels)

On 31 May 1967, all USIB members had concurred in the COMOR recommendation in paragraph 4 of the attachment to subject paper, and the office of the Chairman, COMOR has been so informed. A Memorandum for Holders of USIB-D-41.17/69, dated 31 May 1967, contains a record of this Board action.

2. Non-Release of Estimates
to Foreign Governments
 - a. NIE 58-67, "Short-Term
Political Prospects for
Laos"
(USIB-D-17.8/317, 19 May)
 - b. SNIE 11-11-67, "Soviet
Attitudes and Intentions
Toward the Vietnam War"
(USIB-D-17.8/318, 22 May)
 - c. NIE 30-1-67, "The Persian
Gulf States"
(USIB-D-17.8/319, 24 May)

No USIB member having requested reconsideration of the Board of National Estimates' recommendations regarding non-release of subject estimates, no further Board action will be taken and NIE 58-67, SNIE 11-11-67 and NIE 30-1-67 will not be released to any foreign government.

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3. USIB-D-41.18/146 [REDACTED]
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In the absence of a request by a member, subject report will not be scheduled for discussion at a meeting and has been recorded as having been noted by the Board on 29 May 1967.

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